

St Mary's and St Agnes' Newmarket



August 2020
35p

St Mary's

8am Holy Communion
9.45am Sung Mass
6.30pm Evensong

Weekday Eucharists

Monday (not Bank Holidays) 6.30pm
Wednesday 10am

10.15am Tuesday Café Church
At The Stable (4th Tuesday only)

Churchwardens

Mrs Janet Ramsay-Helie: 603489
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Please send copy to Father John by
20th of the month.
Thank you!

St Agnes'

9am Holy Communion
(3rd Sunday only)
11.15am Parish Communion
(1st Sunday only)
11.15am Mattins
(except 1st Sunday)

Churchwardens

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1 st	Nita Moss (1987) Guy Suttle (1990) Madeline Burt (1993)	22 nd	Catherine Coombes Frank Snow (1997) Kenneth Hyde (2005)
2 nd	Annie Baker (1993)		Edward Kinsey (2007)
3 rd	Rose Gould (1999) Ron Pettitt (2007) Geoff Mott (2011) Ralph Gissing (2018)	23 rd	Thomas Thorpe (1979) Peter Bowen (1997) Esme Woollard (2007) Scilla Slater (2007)
4 th	Sydney Maynard (1990)	24 th	Lily Hammond (2010)
5 th	William Pimbley (1991) Emma Crawford (1993) Jack Rutter (1997) Alan McKeoun (2006) Myrtle Nash (2010) Brian McKay (2015)	25 th	Elizabeth Harper (1989) Doreen Benson (1992) Ada Maclaren (1994) Rose Joyner (1999) Alfred Avis (2002)
6 th	Joan Newton (1981) Douglas Bebbington (1987) Thomas Wall (1987) Russell Mayes (1988) Eleanor Smith (1988) Miriam Walker (1994)	26 th	Edith Baxter (1989) Humphry Cottril (1999) Roy McGreish (2013)
7 th	Olga Anderton (2000)	27 th	James Mason (1992) Frederick Akerman (1994) Donald Parr (1997) Beryl Revell (2015)
8 th	Wilfred Gill (1996) George Sutherland (1998) Bob Molyneux (2000)	28 th	Arthur Donnison (1995)
9 th	John Saturley (1987) Derek Neal (1992) Margaret Ward (1995) Pip Payne (2009) Peggy Tucker (2014)	29 th	David Cole (1993) Simon Ellis (2005) Joan Donkin (2014)
11 th	Clifford Bowden (1994) Evelyn Bailey (1995) Maud Hogg (2000)	30 th	Eileen Polley (1986) Robert Kemp (1989) Christina Burrows (2008)
12 th	Robert Mitchell (1995)	31 st	Constance Coppen (2013) Thelma Witham (2016)
13 th	Dorothy Badgery (1988) Greta Dobson (1993) Doris Cheese (2008) Adrienne Faulkes (2015)		
14 th	Sylvia Hammond (1986) Edward Foster (1990) Stanley Willson (1995) Annie Carter (2000)		
15 th	Janet Smith (1999) John Parfitt (2004) Barbara Voss (2004)		
16 th	Minnie Howard (1993) June Goody (1993)		
17 th	Eunice Halll (1993) Audrey Coombes (2004) Peter Rayner (2016)		
18 th	Evelyn Gray (1994) Eric Voss (2004) Rose Mortlock (2010) Christopher Conway (2019)		
20 th	John Gowing (2011) Lawrence Thorpe (1989)		

**May they rest in peace
and rise in glory**

A view from Exning vicarage: when is a holiday a pilgrimage!?

The rector writes: At St Mary's and St Agnes' (not to mention the Exning churches also), you don't need me to tell you, we're very well acquainted with the art of pilgrimage, especially since Fr Max arrived: Canterbury, Coventry (almost), Earl's Court, Peterborough, Rome, St Alban's, Walsingham, Westminster Abbey... You can add to the list. All have been visited for the purposes of 'holy tourism', which is what being a pilgrim is really all about. (You can compare 'champing', or 'church camping', which is very much the same sort of thing, except you actually camp out over night in a country church, preferably in Herefordshire – it hasn't taken off in Suffolk to quite the same extent, I suspect, although I may be wrong.) Anyhow, this month's 'leader' is authored by Fr Mark Haworth, Exning's 'house for duty' assistant curate (associate priest) now residing in St Martin's vicarage (1 New River Green), who includes a special invitation to an exciting pilgrimage he's planning for October next year, lock-downs and social distancing permitting...

The enduring Cliff Richard record (45 rpm of course) "We're all going on a summer holiday..." lives long in the memory, and has never really been bettered. It sets the tone for a particularly British understanding of "time away" which is important. I am conscious of the current pandemic privations in all this, and commiserate with those who have been and are affected. (In consequence of which, or indeed generally, if anyone is needing a cottage holiday in North Yorkshire, please do ask me about my place in Swaledale.)

The connection between holiday and holy day will I'm sure not be lost on you, both providing rest, restoration, re-creation, and a springboard for new resolve. If you manage to get away this summer, do please bring me back church pewsheets and magazines from your travels, home or abroad, it's an abiding hobby and a fund of good ideas for me!

When I was a team rector in Salford, a wise neighbouring clergyman said "if you want your people to grow together, closer to God and He to them, book a coach and take them off at least for the day!" We did this for all the 7 years I was there, repeated in Rochdale, and in Lark Valley & North Bury. Day trips in the north-west to the Ribble Valley, Blackpool, cathedral cities like Liverpool, Chester, Blackburn, Bradford (with a memorable visit to Thornbury Mosque), Leeds, St Asaph, the National Memorial Arboretum & Lichfield, parks for young and old, heritage centres like Saltaire, and city/town-centre retail therapy opportunities (ranging from Leeds to Llandudno); Peterborough Cathedral, Southwold, Walberswick & Blythburgh (with Fr Geoffrey), Lincoln Cathedral, Kings Lynn, Castle Acre & Sandringham; Kirtling Tower, and annual weekends at Launde Abbey just into Leicestershire, all ran alongside pilgrimages to Lindisfarne (via Durham), St David's and Iona, and a parish/team weekend at the Community of the Resurrection (CR) at Mirfield, West Yorkshire (CR is a powerhouse of the Church, a monastery, theological college and diocesan resource/training/arts

centre, and where I am a Companion and member of the Society of the Resurrection).

It has all worked; they were all as you might say successful, and dare I say it, fun too!. The power of such 'thin' (where the gap between earth and heaven seems so narrow) places is truly palpable; we grow closer to God and each other, and better by being away from our own churches where many often feel they have to work at maintaining rotas and duties for worship and might sometimes feel the lack of devotional possibility.

I took two of my five pilgrimages to **Iona** (in the Scottish Episcopal Church's Diocese of Argyll & The Isles) during my 7 years in Lark Valley & North Bury. Given the distance, it is a significant undertaking, all do-able by public transport, but as many have found before, life-changing and hugely enjoyable. Next year I have secured a booking to do so again, **leaving here on Friday 8th October and returning home on Saturday 16th October 2021**, and need to fill the 23no. bed-spaces to make it viable. The house can feed and host 29no., so we could (as I have before) take 29 pilgrims with 6 sleeping out. Clearly it would be marvellous if we could fill this from within SMENN, but the flier will also be sent out via the Rural Dean for the Mildenhall Deanery Synod on September 30th in case we need to back-fill it. So, first-come, SMENN-served!

Hoping you manage some sort of a break in the coming weeks of the school holiday, if only a change of scene or company for odd days. Keep safe and well wherever you travel. "Traveller, there is no road; God enables the journey and you make your own road with Him". *Mark*

COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

From the registers: eternal life. Frederick (Dave) Coppen (1 July) (Newmarket cemetery); John (Basil) Martin (10 July) (Risby Crematorium).

St Mary's 1990 Club: July 2020 Prizewinners. £25: 019 Philip Ramsay-Helie; All £20: 001 Joan Clarke; 102 David Trent; 029 Caroline Dixon; 306 Diana Connell. (If you are not a member but would like to be : £52 annually or £13 quarterly by standing order. Contact Judy Paxton 01638 741713 or email judy@iceni.idps.co.uk.)

SMENN progress: an update. The next meeting of the Shared Ministry in Exning and North Newmarket (SMENN) working group will be on **Tuesday 29 September at 7 pm**, venue to be confirmed. Hopefully, this will be a face-to-face meeting, in person and not by Zoom, which is not my preferred context for a reflective meetings of this kind. In attendance will – all being well – the archdeacon of Sudbury, Dr David Jenkins, also Canon Mike Booker, all the way from Hemingford Abbots. Mike, another old boy of Hills Road Sixth Form College

and thoroughly committed to church and community life in Cambridgeshire, is the bishop of Ely's 'Change Officer with Responsibility for Market Towns'.

A bit of background might be helpful here. As a key part of its 2025 strategy, the diocese of Ely has decided to make a major investment to encourage its market towns, with a view to enabling churches to flourish and be active partners in changing their towns for the better. The first step in this has been to appoint Mike Booker as Bishop's Change Officer, with a brief to work with clergy and congregations to transform both churches and communities in small towns across the diocese. For more, please go to: <https://www.elydiocese.org/church-in-action/changing-market-towns/changing-market-towns>.

Mike works from the life-changing experience, invaluable for us, of bringing together no fewer than 4 benefices and 11 parishes in west Cambridgeshire to form what is now known, quite inspiringly, as the Lordsbridge Team Ministry. The website (lordsbridge.org): 'Currently, there are thirteen or more worshipping communities in this network: eleven worship in ancient parish churches, one is becoming a Fresh Expression of Church meeting in a village hall, one is a loose community of young people, and there are other opportunities.'

The purpose of our SMENN workshop meeting on 29 September will be to build on the helpful conversation local clergy enjoyed with Canon Booker and Archdeacon David on 22 June, and explore the feasibility of now backing a definite proposal for unification of the benefices, prior to an open PCC meeting to be held subsequently (perhaps before the end of 2020). In preparation, PCC members from the three PCCs in Exning and North Newmarket have been invited to complete an 'Appreciative Inquiry'-type questionnaire, asking in particular:

- Based on what your experience of sharing so far, what do you **DREAM** for when you think about the future of the benefices? What would the PCC hope for the future mission of their churches and congregations?
- How would you like to see the SMENN working group **DEVELOP** its thinking and planning in the light of what you have discovered and dreamt about?
- What might you **DO** to achieve the Dreams listed above in baby steps – small practical steps which ensure that (a) future vision in the parish is shared and owned, and (b) mission, evangelism and outreach are part of your parish's day to day life?
- What are you now wanting to **DO** as a result of the SMENN trial to date? What can your PCC bring as a distinctive gift to a United Benefice - a unique contribution to life in the two benefices as a whole?
- Are you ready to '**TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP**' and dare to welcome life within a united benefice of Exning and North Newmarket? If you have a view on any of the above, please have word with any member of your local PCC, or with one of the clergy. It will not go unheeded!

